



## March 2025 Newsletter

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH COLLABORATION

We recently welcomed Joe Pinto, the new Chief Operating Officer of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono, to our office for a meaningful discussion on collaborative efforts to improve community health and address social determinants of health.



Read more about Joe's visit to PMUW [on our website](#) and learn how United Way continues to build strong partnerships to address the critical health and social needs of our community.

### PMUW PROGRAM UPDATES



### GENERATION NEXT STUDENTS VISIT PENN STATE

Generation Next Juniors from Pocono Mountain West High School toured Penn State University in February. Thirteen students attended the visit and had the opportunity to listen to presentations by admissions staff, participated in a student panel Q&A discussion, and went on a walking tour of the campus.

After attending the trip, 8 students are considering applying to PSU because they loved the 'vibe of the community' and how much there is to get involved with. **We are so excited to see the minds of our students expanding with a future full of opportunity!!**

For more information on the Generation Next Program, contact [Lexi@PoconoUnitedWay.org](mailto:Lexi@PoconoUnitedWay.org).

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

### 2025 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN

We feel that every student should have the tools that they need to succeed in school and it takes a village to help make this happen. **That's where you come in!** The success of these programs depends upon sponsorships from businesses and individuals like you.

Contact [Michael@PoconoUnitedWay.org](mailto:Michael@PoconoUnitedWay.org) for more information on sponsorship opportunities or [visit our website](#) to explore ways that you can make an impact in our community.



#### Backpack & School Supply Distribution

With the help of our local agencies, our annual backpack and school supply distribution has given out more than 5,000 backpacks since 2021!



#### Getting Ready for Kindergarten Calendar

Provides resources and daily activities to help children ages 5 & under prepare for school. 4,000 calendars are distributed to households each year.

